GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CIVIL AVIATION
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FUNCTIONING OF AIRCRAFT
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Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) the daily average flying time of aeroplanes used by Indian Airlines;

(b) whether this average flying time is below the standards set according to international norms;

(c) if so, whether Indian Airlines aircrafts are not properly maintained and serviced as per the standards and norms;

(d) if so, the details and reasons therefor;

(e) the number of complaints made by pilots regarding un-satisfactory functioning of aircrafts; and

(f) the steps taken by the Government to overcome this problem?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE(INDEPENDENT CHARGE) OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI PRAFUL PATEL)

(a): The daily average flying time of aeroplanes used by Indian Airlines during 2003-04 is:

1. A-300 aircraft - 7.8 hrs.
2. A-320 aircraft - 9.4 hrs.
3. B-737 aricraft - 7.0 hrs.
4. DO-228 aircraft - 1.9 hrs.
5. ATR aircraft - 5.6 hrs.

(b) No international standards have been set for average flying time. However, as per the manufacturer, the world average flying time for Airbus A320 & A300 aircraft are 9.09 hours and 5.51 hours, respectively.

(c) and (d): The maintenance of the aircraft are carried out as per the manufacturer`s instructions, Directorate General of Civil Aviation`s (DGCA) instructions and the directives of the authority of the country of the aircraft manufacture, issued from time to time. The compliance of these maintenance procedures and directives on the aircraft by Indian Airlines is monitored by various regional offices of DGCA, periodically, through spotchecks and planned audits.

(e): There are no complaints by pilots regarding unsatisfactory functioning of aircraft.

(f): Does not arise.